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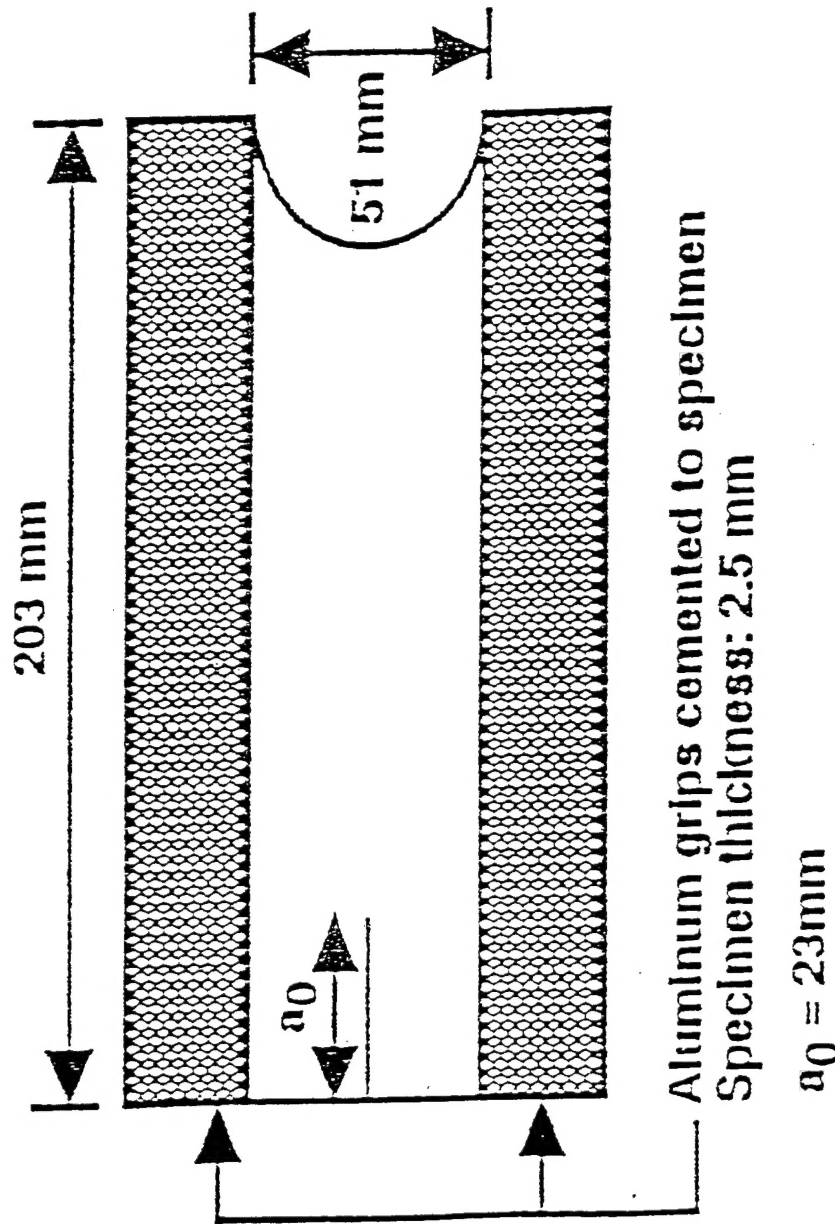
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Objective

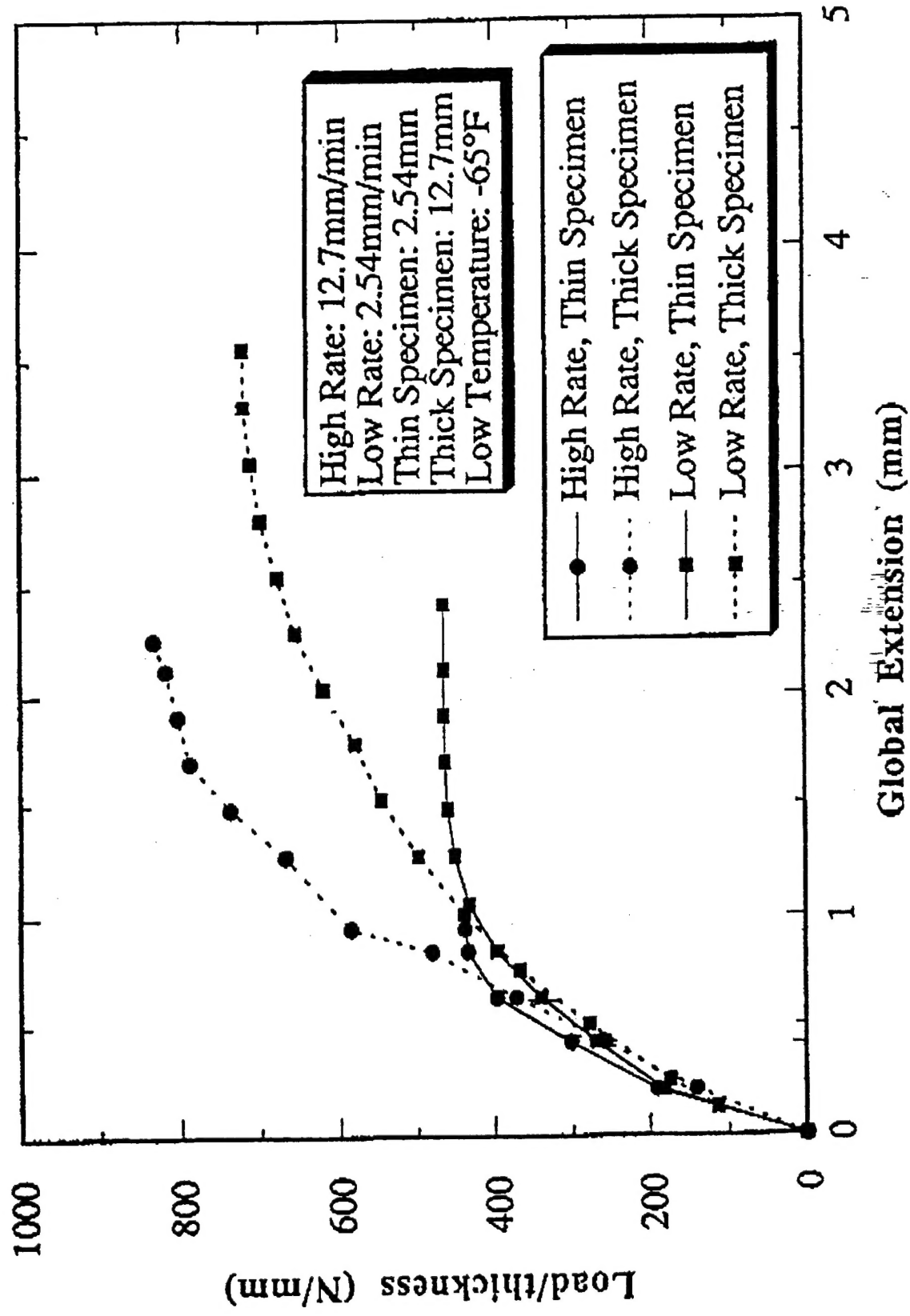
- Investigate the Effects of specimen thickness (2.54 mm and 12.7 mm) and Displacement Rate (2.54 mm/min and 12.7 mm/min) on Crack Opening Displacement, Failure process Zone, Local Strain Fields, and Crack Growth Behavior at Low Temperature.



Specimen Geometry

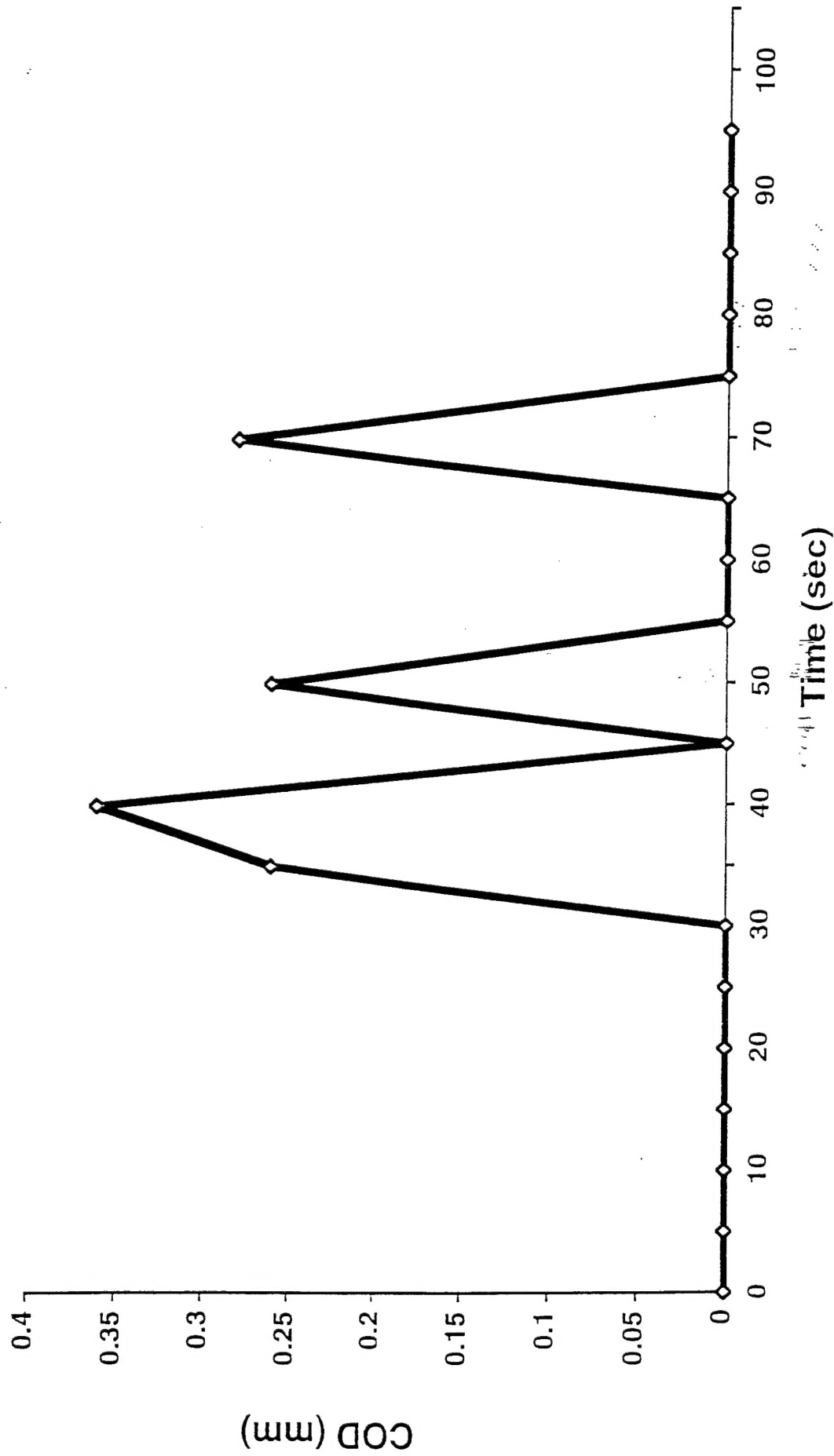


Load / Thickness vs. Global Extension



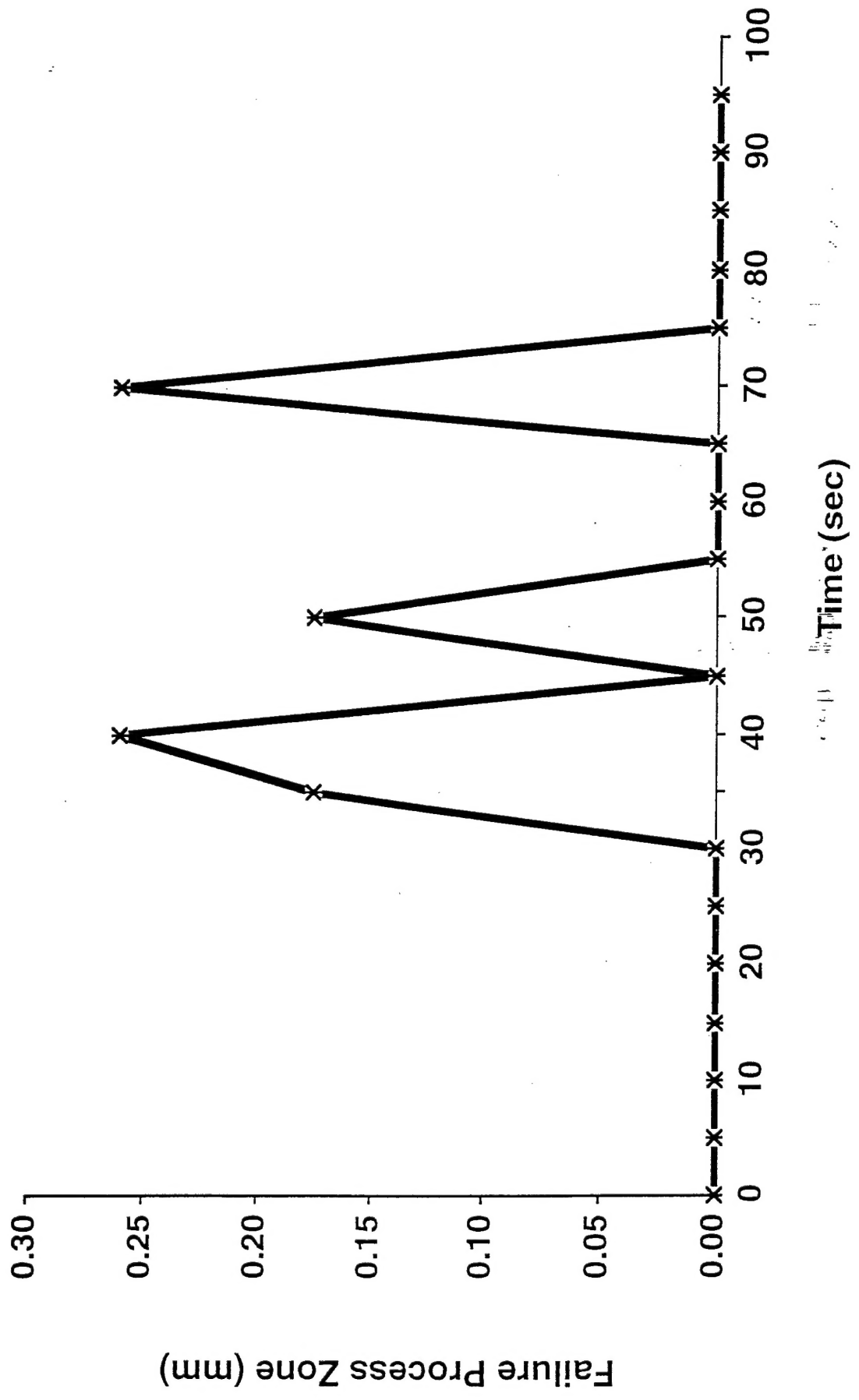


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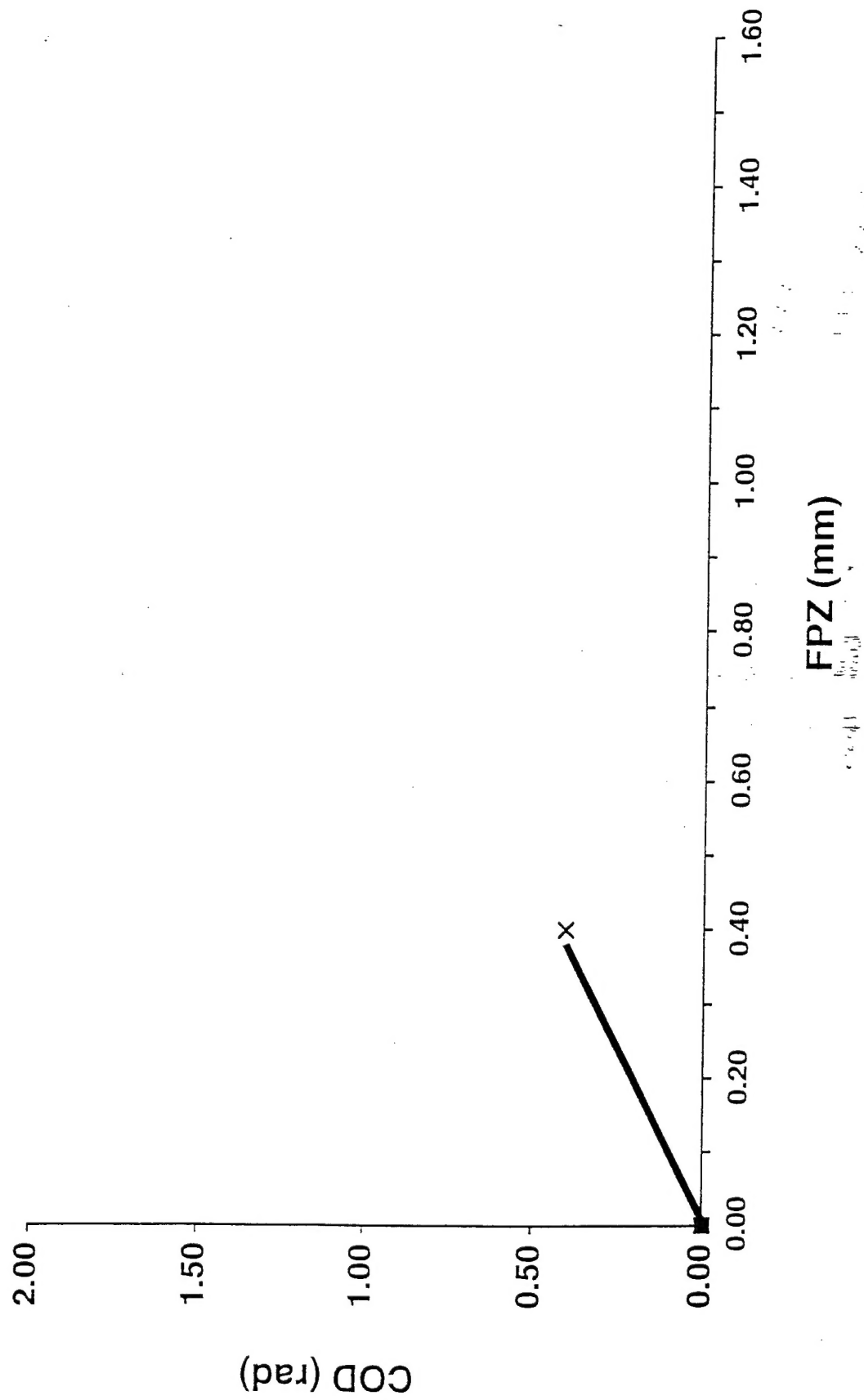


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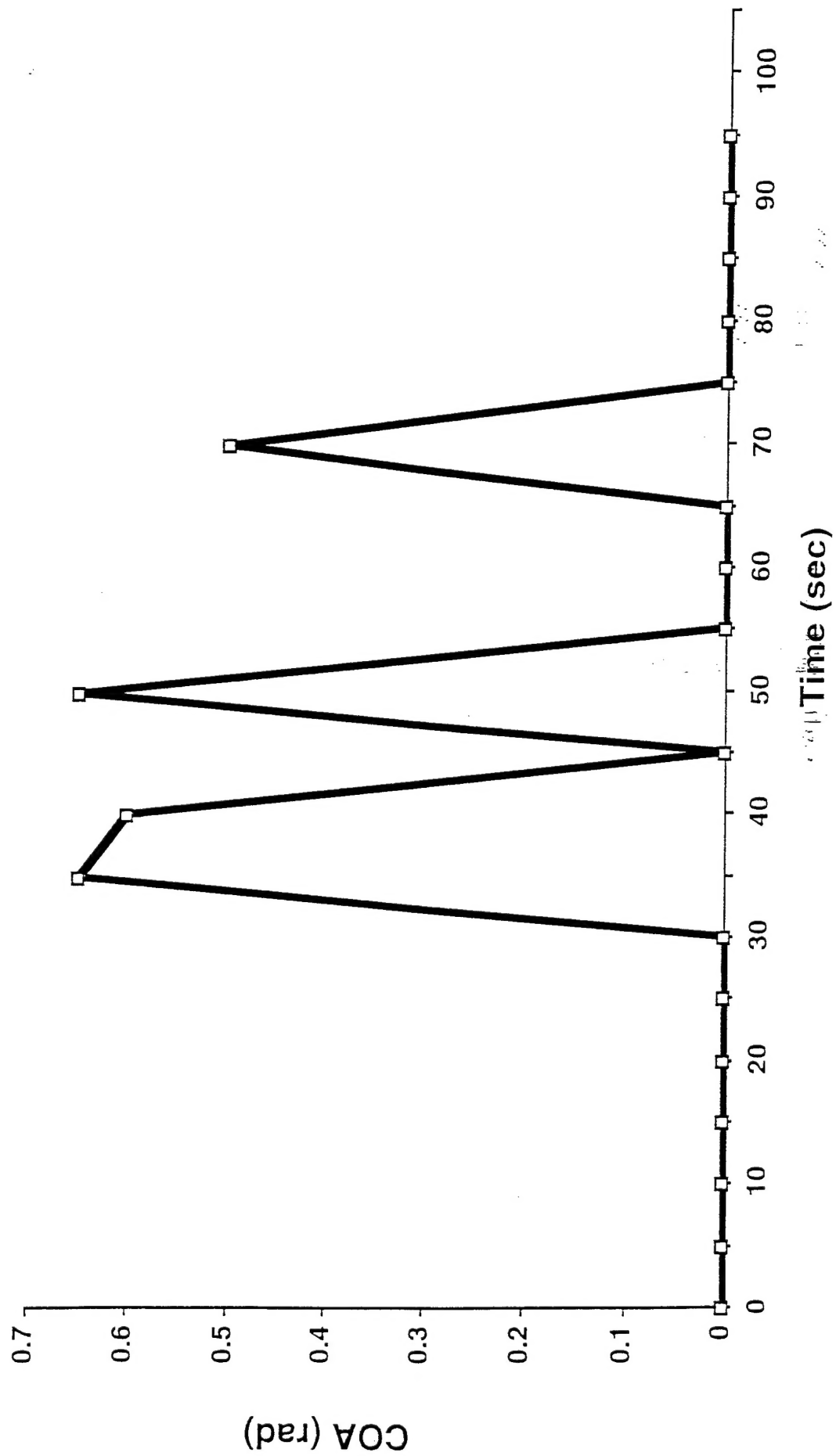


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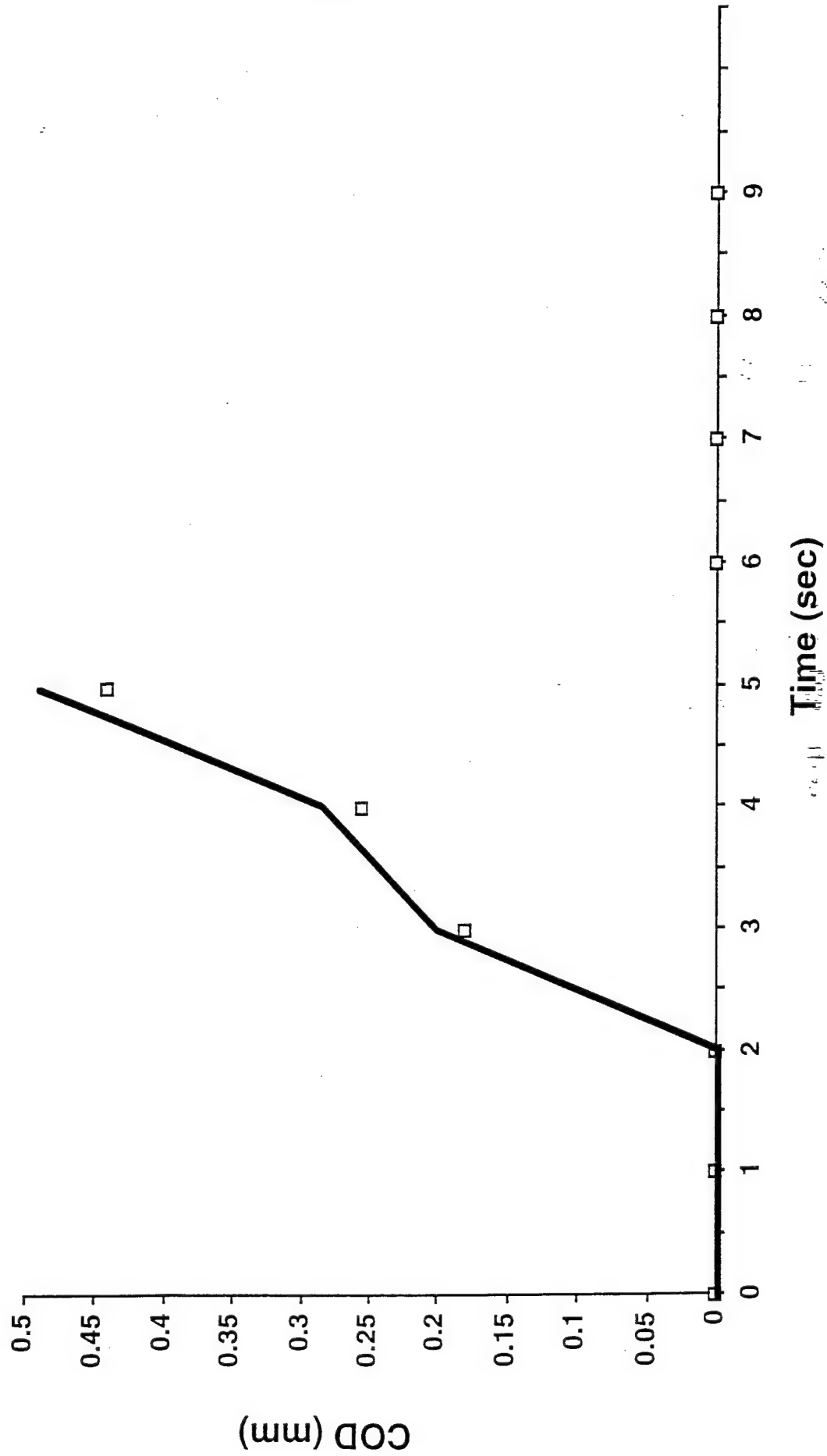


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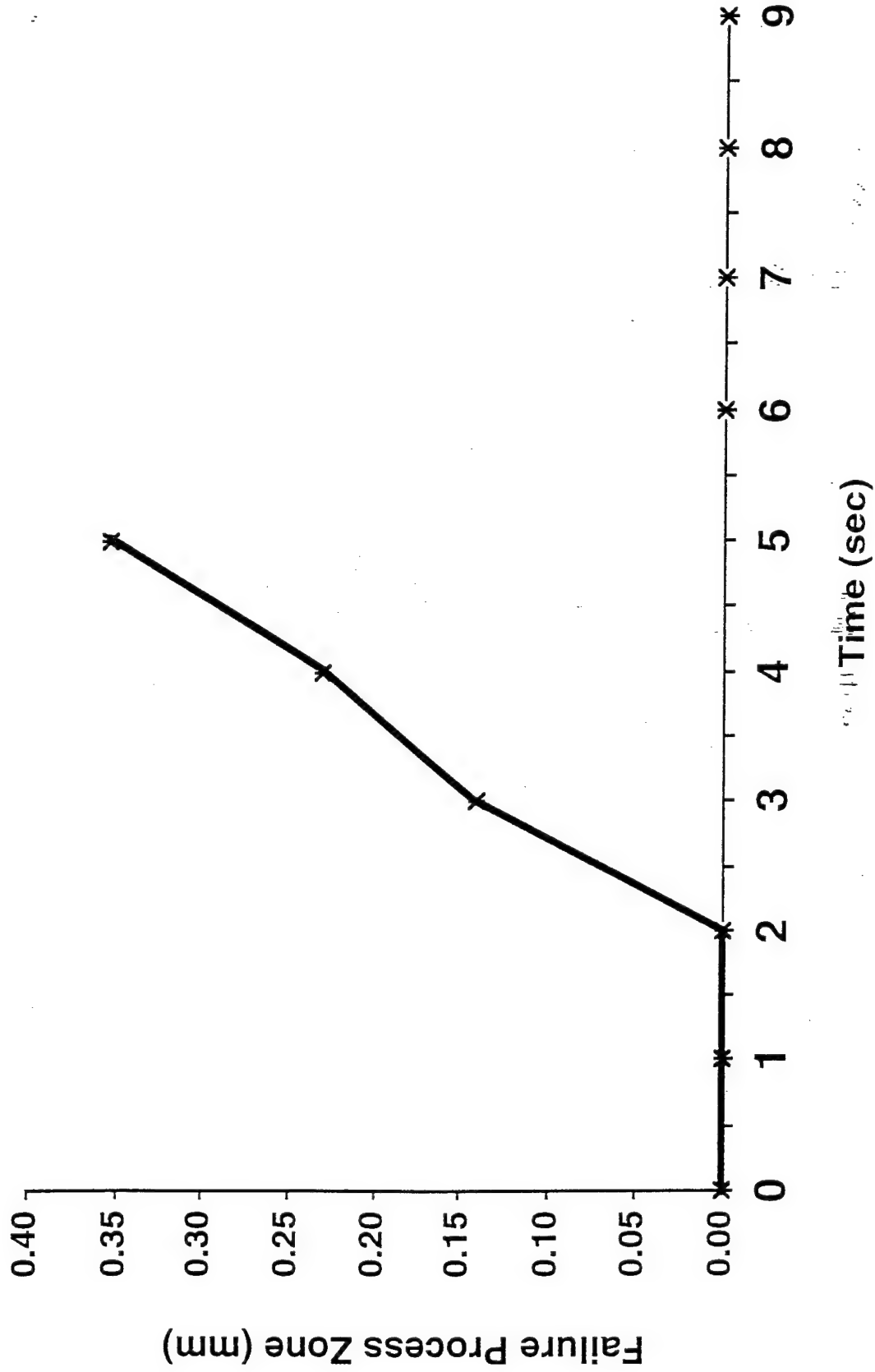


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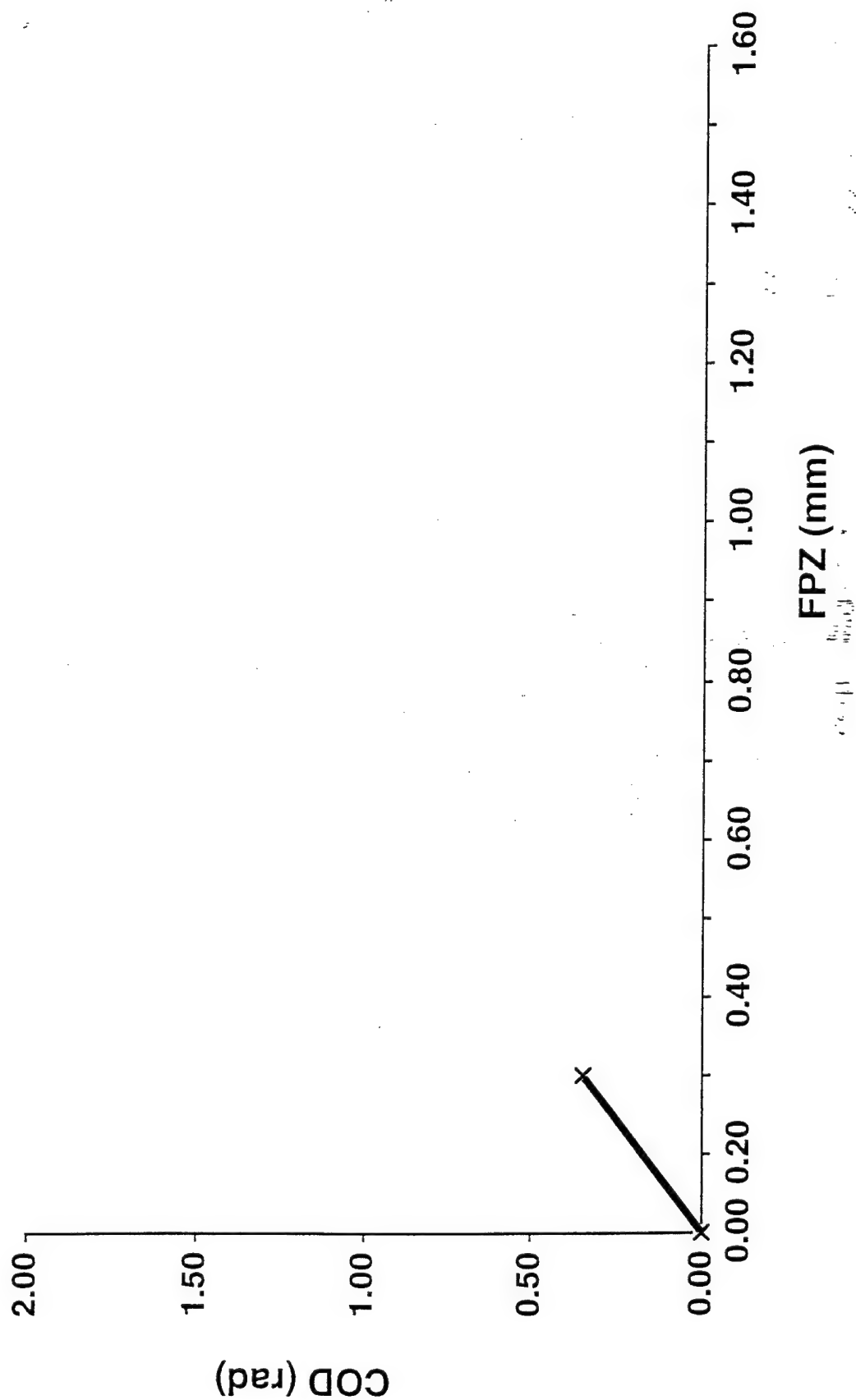


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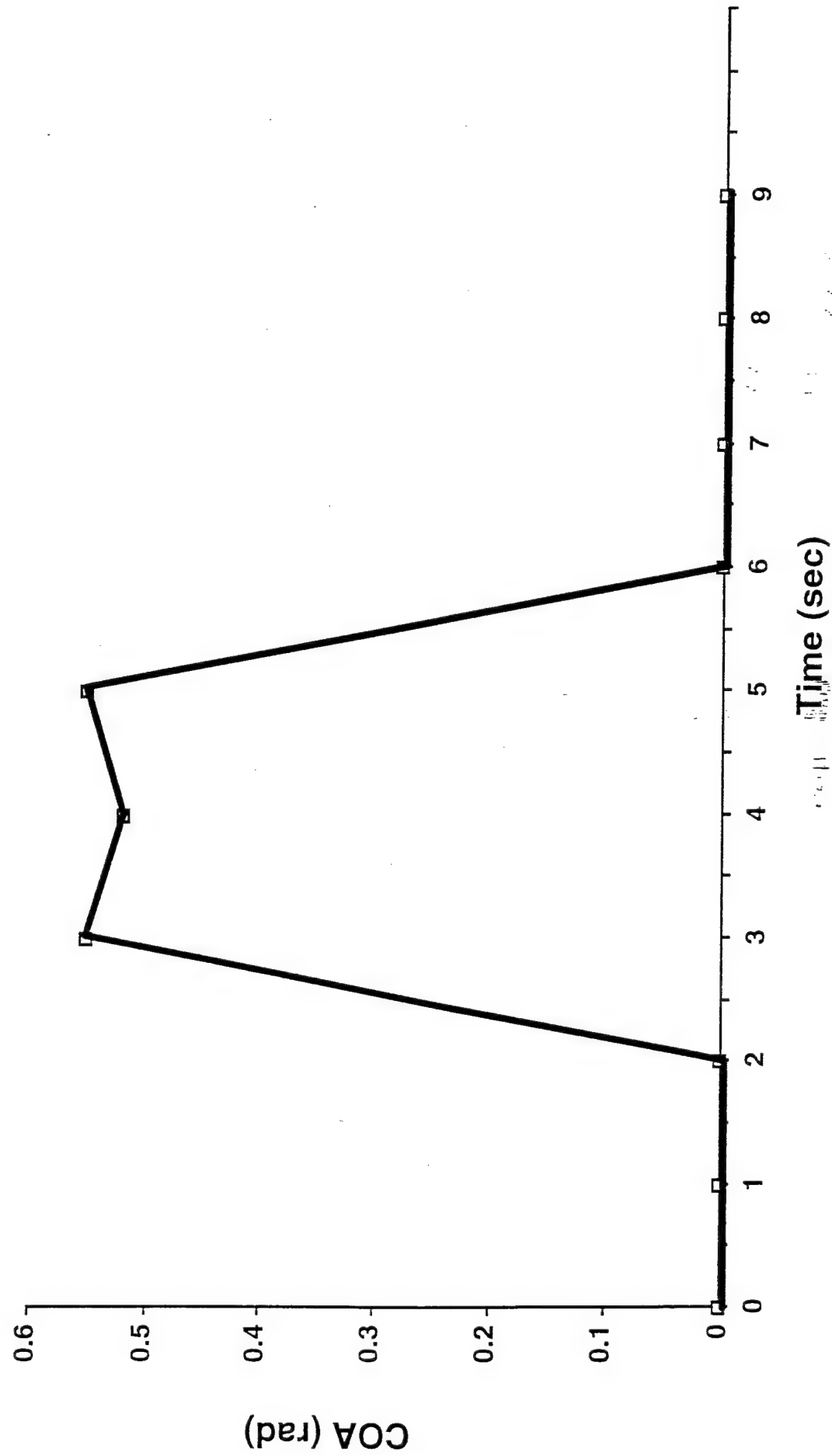


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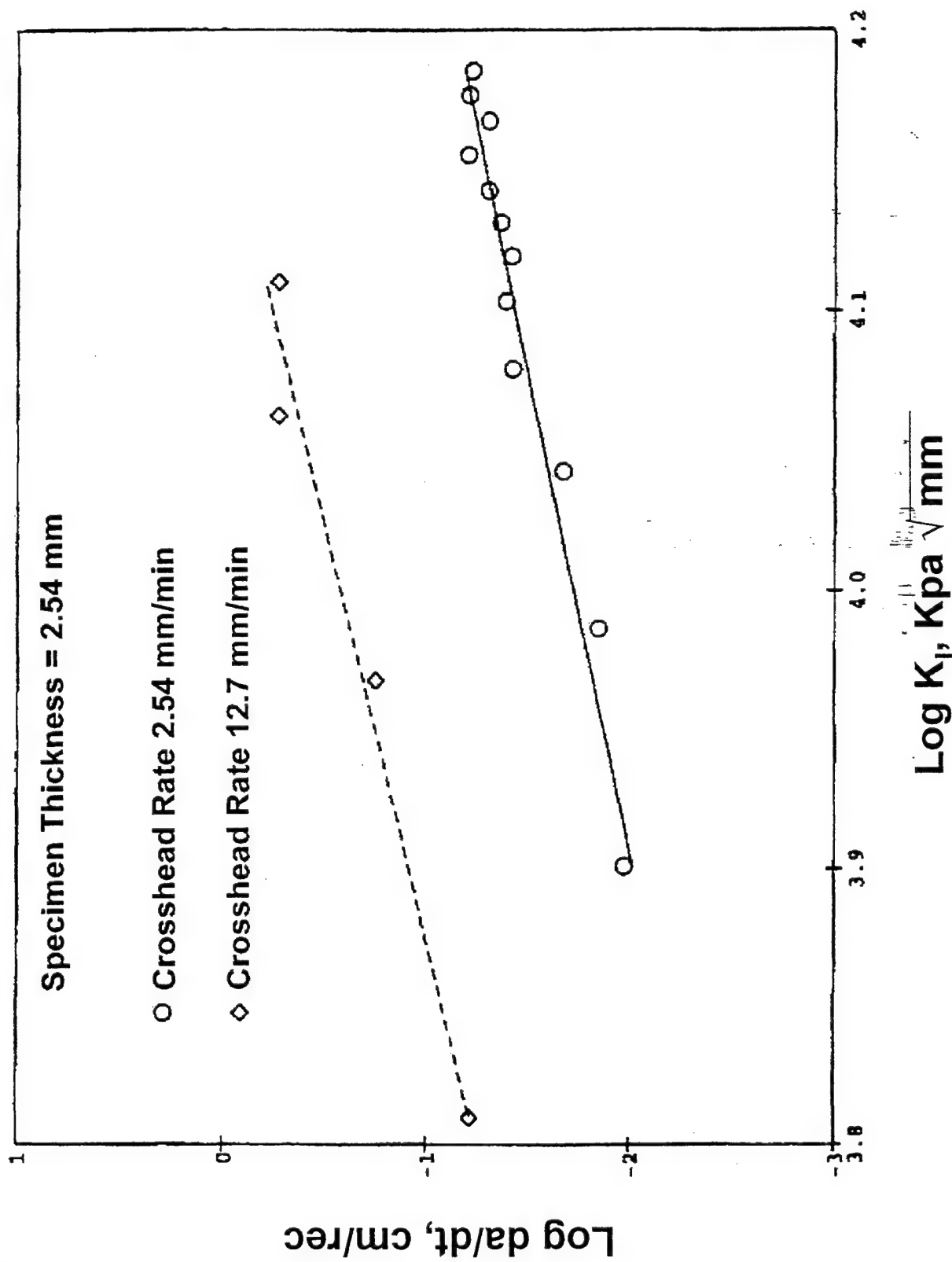


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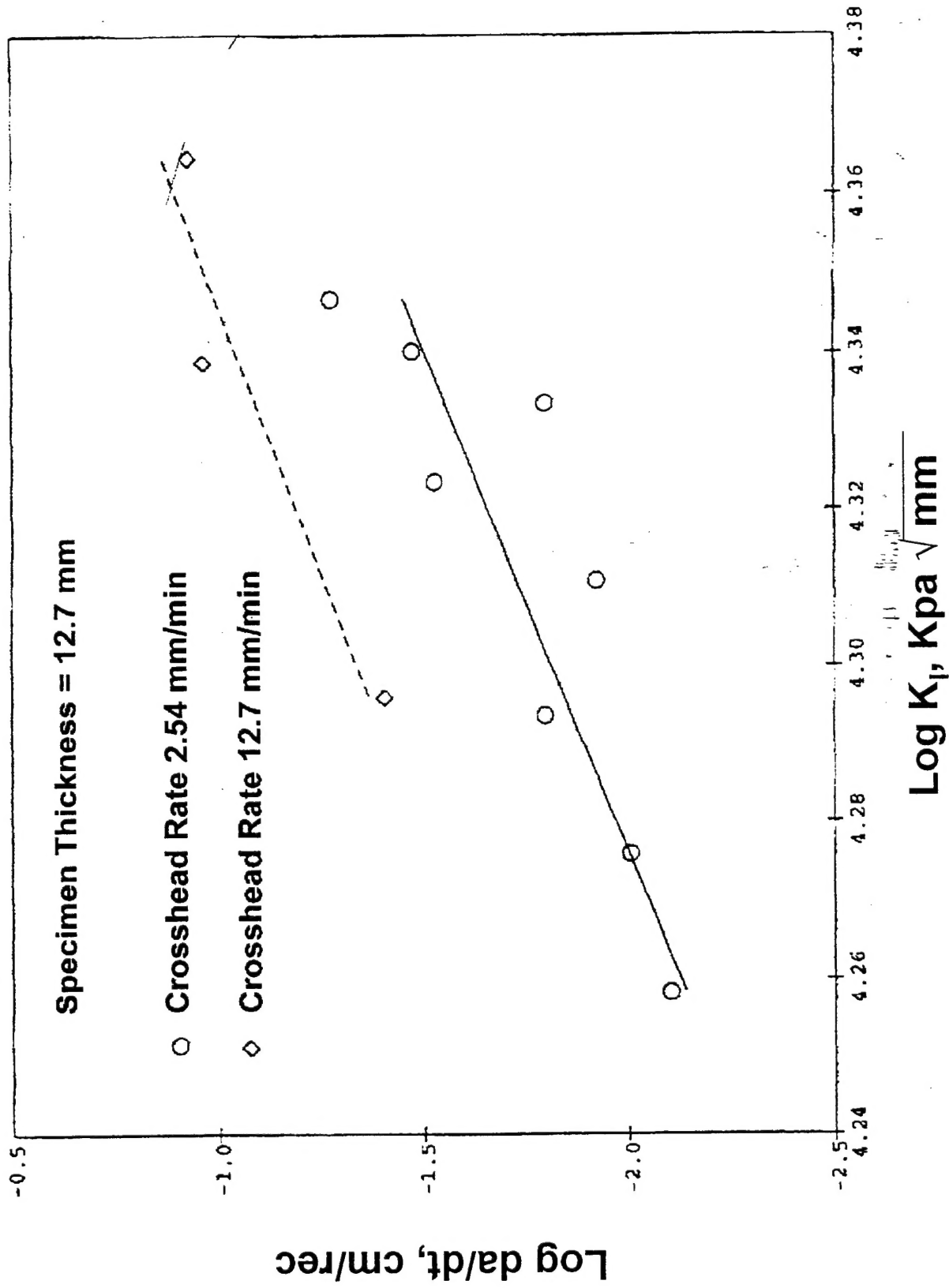


Crack Growth Rate vs. Mode I Stress Intensity Factor



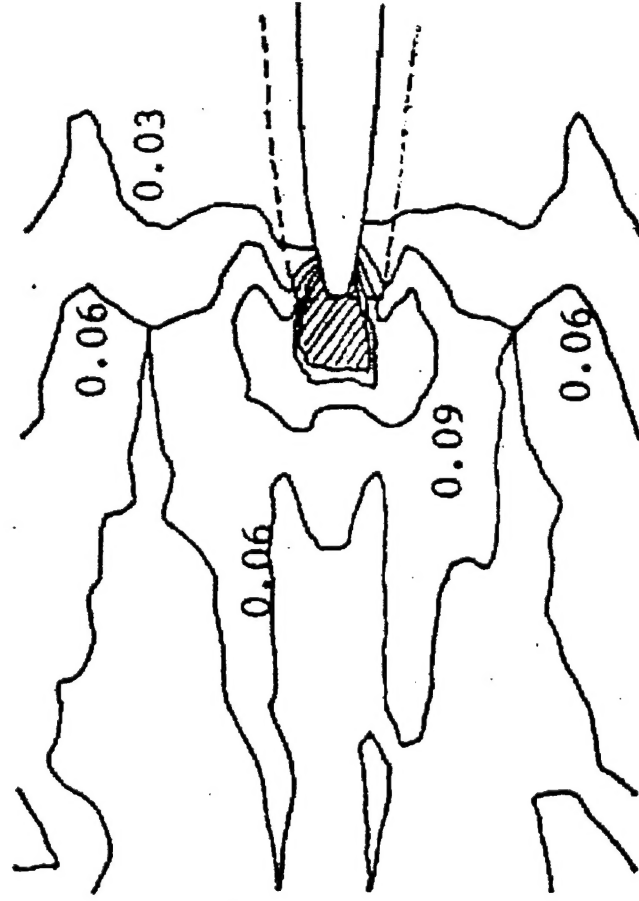


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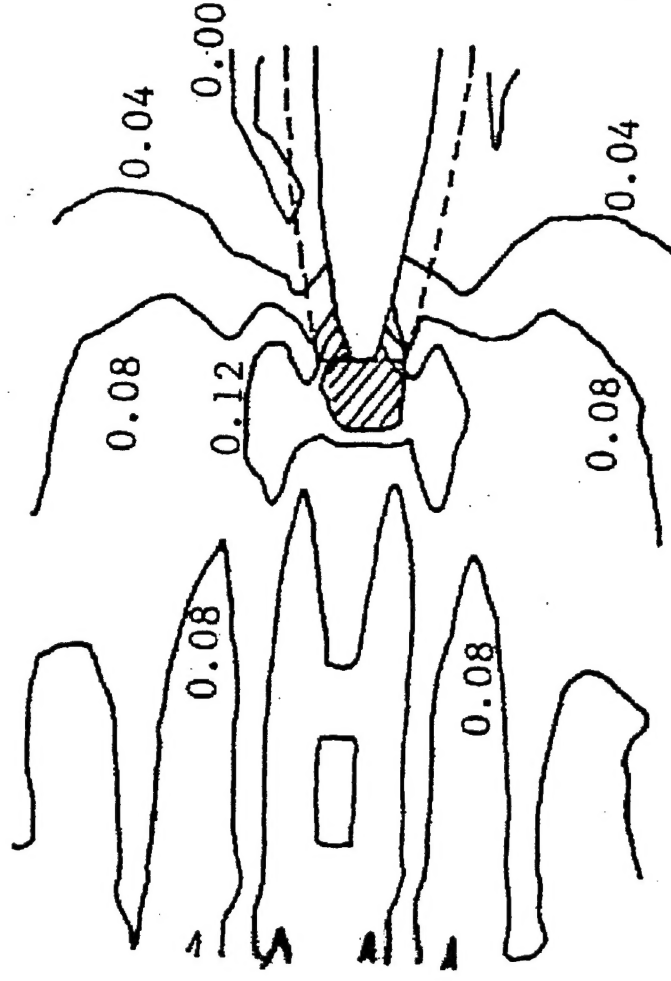




Iso - Intensity Strain Contours (thickness = 0.1 in.)



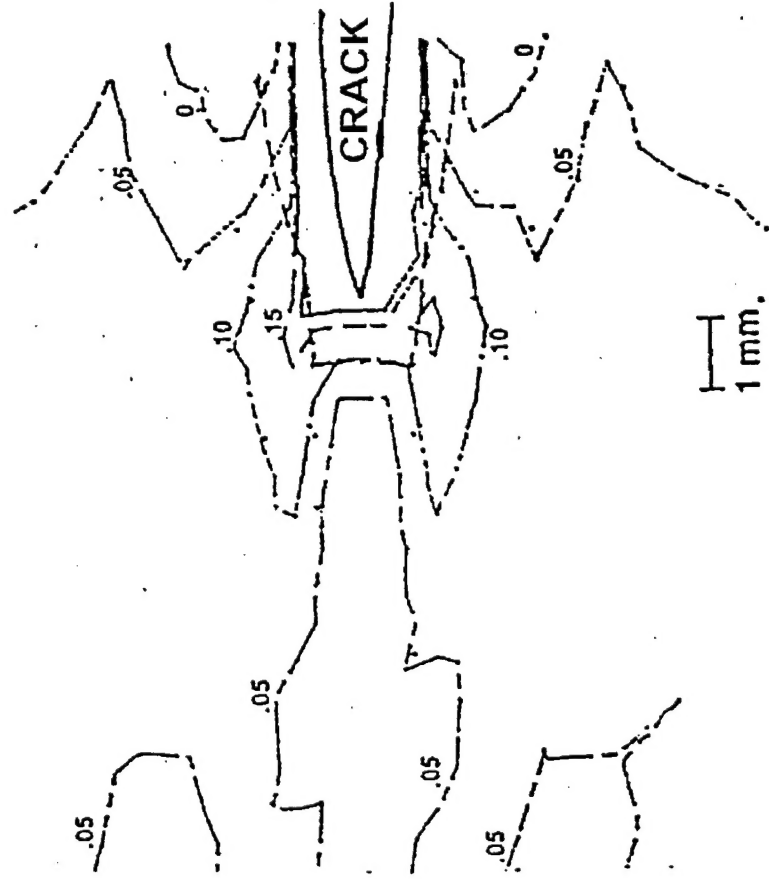
Crosshead Rate = 12.7 mm/min
Global Strain = 0.83%



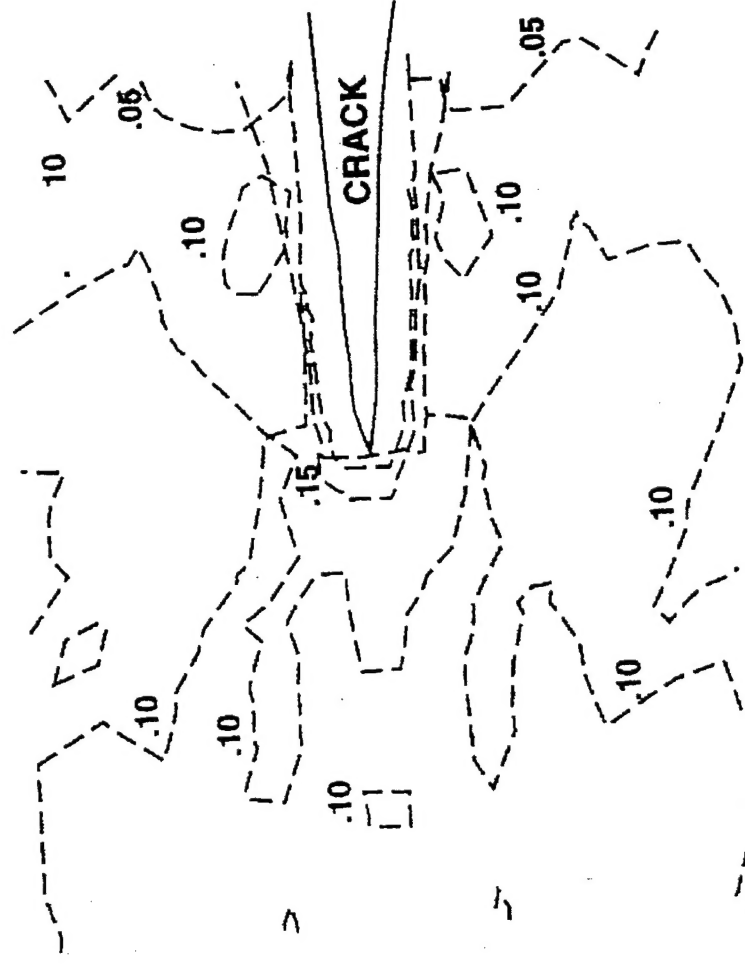
Crosshead Rate = 2.54 mm/min
Global Strain = 0.83%



Iso - Intensity Strain Contours (thickness = 0.5 in.)



Crosshead Rate = 2.54 mm/min
Global Strain = 3.3%



Crosshead Rate = 12.7 mm/min
Global Strain = 3.3%



Conclusions

- For the thin specimen and the thick specimen tested at 2.54 mm/min, the basic crack growth behavior consists of a blunt – growth – blunt phenomenon.
- For the thick specimen tested at 12.7 mm/min displacement rate, a classical brittle fracture occurs.
- The increase in displacement rate alters the local strain fields but the iso-strain contours are of the same general form.
- A power law relationship exists between the Mode I stress intensity factor and the crack growth rate.